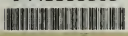


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United States of America,

DEPARTMENT.

Richmond, Va., August 3, 1864.

The recent interruption of supplies from the more Southern States, whence the supplies for the Army of Virginia must, in consequence of the great dearth of forage and bread stuffs which exists in Virginia and North Carolina, be mainly drawn, render it indispensable that extraordinary exertions and sacrifices should be made by the people south, who are more fortunate in the possession of such stores, to furnish them liberally to the government. Officers specially relied on for zeal, energy and discretion, have been charged with the duty of visiting the districts where supplies may be had; and the appeal is made with confidence to the liberality and patriotism of all good citizens, as they value their own safety and the successful achievement of our independence, to give to them all possible facilities and aid in the prompt accumulation and transportation of adequate supplies, especially of corn and forage, for the support of our armies so bravely battling for the common cause in the field.

JAMES A. SEDDON,

Secretary of War.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Richmond, August 3, 1864.

In forwarding this appeal of the Honorable Secretary of War, I earnestly and confidently look to the planters of South Carolina to come forward *promptly*, and give that relief which they alone can offer in this emergency. I beg that nothing but our great and pressing necessities be considered in this hour of trial, and not a day be allowed to elapse before each one to whom this is addressed shall be found delivering grain at the nearest depot. *Time is all important.*

A. R. LAWTON,

Quartermaster General.

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